27th January 1931]

Minor Irrigation

Construction of a Channel from Rallayeru to chinnammacheruvu, Vayalpad taluk.

*67 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether petitions were sent by the ryots of Manchalamanda, hamlet of Marella village, Vayalpad taluk, Chittoor district, to the Sub-Collector of Madanapalle and to the District Collector of Chittoor in 1921 and 1923 and 1927 respectively for the purpose of constructing a channel from Rallayeru to Chinnammacheruvu for irrigating their land under the ayakat of the said cheruvu;

(b) what steps were taken till now to comply with their request;

(c) whether they presented a petition to the Executive Engineer, Madanapalle division, and the Collector of Chittoor that they would dig the channel at their own costs if the Government would contribute half the cost after the completion of the work; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in that direction?

A.—(a) to (d) A copy of a letter [a] from the Collector of Chittoor, dated 24th December 1930, which gives the required particulars is attached.

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"With reference to the statement made in the appendix, will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to refer the matter to the Collector to see whether he can do anything for the purpose of constructing the channel because the ryots are not in a position to advance more money?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"It is an unproductive scheme. It is unlikely it will receive the approval of Government in the present financial condition of the province."

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"Did the Collector call for a contribution from the ryots at an earlier stage of the enquiry and made a promise to have it done if they paid Rs. 1,500 in advance?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The ryots are not willing to accept the conditions on which the Government are prepared to investigate the scheme."

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"Did not the Government foresee this at an earlier stage of the enquiry?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The history of the matter is fully set out in the report of the Collector."

Village officers

Jamabandi allowances to village officers in ryotwari areas.

*68 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any decision on the question of giving jamabandi allowances to village officers in ryotwari areas?

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 278 infra.